



Rochester Day Makers Kiwanis Club

Tuesdays 9:00 A.M. at Flamingo Bingo,
Hwy 52 N., East Frontage Road

See Day Makers on the web at: <http://www.kiwanisrochester.org>
See MN-DAK District Site at: <http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org>

Newsletter for March 2012

Minnekotan for this month is available at:
http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/public_district/pub_Content.aspx?Page=82

GET YOUR DUCKS



**IN A ROW NOW
FOR SPRING**

OFFICERS

President Richard Odell
Imm. Past Pres. Don Wendt
Pres. Elect Larry Segar
1st Vice Pres. Mike Siverling
2nd Vice Pres. Jim Cook
Secretary/Treasurer Dick Lundberg

DIRECTORS (3 yr terms)

Dave Arlander 2012
David Moehnke 2012
Diane Johnson 2013
Richard Vrieze 2013
Jim Cook 2014

CHAIRS & Meeting Dates

Membership	Mike Siverling	3 rd Thursday 9am
Program	Larry Segar	1 st Tuesday, 10:15am
Youth Services	Jerry Steinke	1 st Tuesday
Community Services	Jim Cook	3 rd Tuesday, 8:35 am
Human & Spiritual Values	Frank Nichols	2 nd Tuesday
Young Children Priority One	Larry Scilley	4 th Tuesday
Operations	Don Wendt	1 st Tuesday
Board Meeting	Richard Odell	2 nd Tuesday, 10am

Historian: Bruce Keller Pres. Advisor: Ella VanLaningham
Interclub: Kathy Davis Web/Newsletter: Dick Odell, Jim Cook
Asst Sec./Treas: Bob Mayhew Regional Rep: Zanti Squillace

Program Schedule :

Mar 6- SE MN Initiative Foundation, Tim Penny, Dallas Glaser

Mar 13- Good Food Store, Lizzie Haywood, Ella VanLaningham

Mar 20- Early Spring Lawn Care, Nick Sargent, Dallas Glaser

Mar 27- LIFE-Learning is Forever, Steve Troutman, Jim Cook

Dates to Remember:

Mar 3rd - Chili Feed at Senior Center
Mar 15th – Perkins South Kiwanis Coupon Day
<http://www.kiwanisrochester.org/PerkinsCoupon.jpg>
Mar 20th – Last day to register for KI Convention discount
April 14th – Stewartville Food for Kids packaging
April 21st – Kiwanis One Day Event
Be generous with your service and \$\$s.

Internet Web Sites:

Neonatal Tetanus kills a baby every 9 minutes. Your \$1.80 could save that Mother and child.

Halloween Party for Eliminate – Spring Valley, MN
<http://www.hometown-pages.com/main.asp?SectionID=11&SubSectionID=94&ArticleID=40200>

March Birthdays:

7 Jim Cook	23 Bev Livesay
16 Eric Skuld t	29 Bob Wenner
22 Dick Hall	

Presidents' Corner:

This month I would like to focus my comments on two topics ... fund raising and FUNdraising.

After our Lt Governor's **Eliminate** Update last month, we are all well acquainted with the financial needs of the Kiwanis International project. While we are well along on our financial objectives (2 members are already Zeller awardees) and our Eliminate Can pass has maintained more donations than planned. But more needs to be done.

In order to meet our club objectives for **Eliminate**, we will require several creative big fund raising activities and events far beyond the Eliminate Can pass. In last month's newsletter, I encouraged the membership to participate in the Kiwanis International Webinar on the Internet. That webinar focused on, *"The Top 25 FUNdraising ideas from across Kiwanisland. From mini to mighty, your club will be on its way to raising money, sharing your story, and putting the FUN back in FUNdraising!"*

So I am asking each of the committee chairpersons to bring to the next board meeting two new ideas for FUNdraising. Please get with your committee chairs and give them your most creative ideas. Other clubs are sponsoring pancake breakfast, 50K bike rides, 5K-Run/Walk, Halloween Party, horse trail rides, coin boxes, etc.

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March Anniversaries:

28 Larry & Kathleen Krob

Secretary/Treasurer's Report – Feb 2012

Bank Balance 1/31/12:	\$12,915.96
Administrative Account:	\$ 9,657.12
Service Account:	\$ 1,264.34
Hockey/YCPO:	\$ 406.94
Bike Repair:	\$ 191.56
K-Family	\$ 1,396.00

Day Makers on leave: Marv Anderson, Don Cain, Pat Dunn, Merlyn Jeche, Ron King, Sara King, Gene Kivi, Paul Lamoreux

January Service Hour Statistics: 1,048 hours by 52 members, 57% Participation.

January Board Meeting Summary:

Bob Lahtinen is continuing to communicate with the officers of the Kiwanis Hockey Festival and the other Rochester Kiwanis Clubs concerning interested clubs use of the existing 501c3 Charitable Corporation. The group is now working on bylaw additions and revisions in the area of audits and multi-club interactions. There are more meetings to follow.

The board discussed the clubs sound system and the continuing investigation by Mike Siverling and Dick Odell. Mike will try a unit from Radio Shack at a future meeting. The board approved a fundraiser selling KWIK Trip gas/merchandise gift cards with profits going half to the Eliminate project and half to the Service account.

The board decided to continue selling KWIK Trip carwash cards with the profits going to the Service account.

The board discussed the request by the Senior Center/Flamingo Bingo to open the building on meeting days at 8:30 am, and for us to leave the building by 10:30 am. The board agreed that moving to a different venue was not desirable, so we discussed ways to make better use of time. Setup can be accomplished between 8:30 am and 9:00 am. Starting meetings on time, and ending on time were addressed as well as having committee meetings start shortly after the regular meeting ends.

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Kiwanis Mission Statement:

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

January Board Meeting: (Continued)

Dick Odell and Herb Erickson will discuss with the Senior Center if there is a reason we have to be out of the building by 10:30am.

The board discussed the possibility of a bicycle race fundraiser for the Eliminate project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There was not time for committee reports.

Richard Lundberg, Secretary/Treasurer

Presidents Corner: (continued from page 1)

Last week, Rotary celebrated with the entire city of Rochester (with Mayo help) their campaign against worldwide Polio. They received TV, radio and newspaper coverage of their downtown display.

Just look at recent fund raising successes of \$26K at JM for Christmas Anonymous and \$110K at the Polar Plunge. The general public funds are out there, we just need to educate and get the community interested in our goal.

My point is, **"Now is the time to get our ducks in a row."** Big events are most successful in the spring and summer time frame. So let's lay the foundation for those events. If we energize our community to understand the Eliminate project, I believe they will then be interested in helping us meet our financial goals.

The latest FUNdraising ideas in the news are at: http://sites.kiwanis.org/Kiwanis/en/theELIMINATEproject/MNT/Updates/News.aspx?utm_source=Eliminate&utm_medium=email&utm_term=february&utm_campaign=english

Let's get our "Eliminate Ducks in a Row" now.



Dick Odell

Eliminate Project:

We have a committee now for the **eliMiNaTe** project, they are: Jerine Erickson, Don and Sally Wendt, Helen Kolb, Diane Johnson and myself as coordinator and chair. I consider all members as an Ad Hoc committee, because it will take all of us to make our goals happen. I'm forever grateful that I'm in a club like the Day Makers because I know we will make it happen.

Herb Erickson, eliMiNaTe Chair

Winter FUNdraising in “tropical SE” Minnesota:

Day Maker Diane and her Walmart friends decided to “go jump in the lake”. She and 1,040 other participants raised over \$220,000 for Special Olympics. Walmart’s 106 jumping employees contributed almost \$24,000.



Diane Johnson

Polar Plunge: Feb 2012

This is a very “chilling” way to raise money for a great cause...and a Day Maker participated. Guess who? Notice frozen lake in background!



Clearly Diane Johnson knows how to get her “*ducks in a row*” and help raise money for great causes.
Dick Odell

Polar Plunge: Feb 2012

Diane “Duck” runs faster than others penguin. Notice the “yellow ducky” swimming tights. Really nice. Water temp was officially 31.9 degrees and wind was blowing at 35mph....burr. Where’s the hot tub?



Valentine Chanhassen Report:

Our 11th annual trip was our largest group ever, we had 56 Day Makers and guests. Judy Zierdt was chosen as our sweetheart for 2012. She joins a select group of ladies. It is starting to look like we have a club within the club.

Sally Wendt, George Heyne, Art Larson and Veronica Plantz all won prizes and of course everyone enjoyed bananas on the way home. We not only had a great day and a lot of fun, but even more importantly, we were able to put another **\$372.00 in the eliMiNaTe fund.**

Way to go Day Makers and a big THANK YOU to everyone who made the trip. Herb Erickson

Web Humor:

Only in America do people order a double bacon cheeseburger, large fries and a diet coke.
Only in Americado we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight..
Only in Americado they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.



Kiwanis FUNdraising Ideas:

Last week’s Webinar featured the Top 25 FUNdraising ideas from across Kiwanisland. From mini to mighty, your club will be on its way to raising money, sharing your story, and putting the FUN back in FUNdraising!



Here is another great FUNdraising idea for our Kiwanis Club. This idea is the new Hy-Vee Grocery coupon books.

HyVee Coupon Books: Sell for \$5

The coupon book gives you a \$5 refund on your first \$100 purchase at any of our local HyVee stores. In addition, the Coupon Book has many other discounts on grocery store items.

The Coupon Book is valid until December 31, 2012

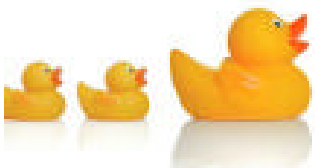
Herb Erickson and I will have the books to sell at our meetings. Consider telling your friends and neighbors about buying the coupon books thru our Kiwanis Club. They get their \$5 back and save money on their grocery items.

Our club then gets \$4 of the \$5 purchase price and our profits will go to the ELIMINATE project.

Phyllis Jacobs

Keep those FUNdraising Ideas Coming:

Chanhassen Bus Trips, Herberger’s, Hy-Vee, Car Wash coupons and many other new ideas will help us make our Eliminate financial objectives. All we need to do is.... *“get our ducks in a row”* now.

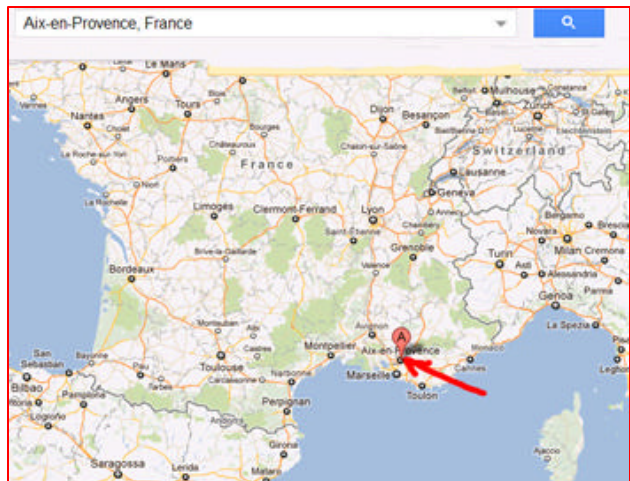


Dick Odell

Kiwanis Day Maker Cutest Baby Contest:

The picture below is of Anya (age 4) and Peter (age2) with their first snowman in the Aix-en-Provence, France. It was on Peters birthday(1-31-2012) and was the first snow of the year.

These Grandchildren are seeing the world.



Southern France

←This photo is of Anya last Easter in MN.



Proud Grandparents
Roger and Joan Olson

Youth Services:

The 2011-2012 school year is about two thirds over which means there is *not* a lot of time left to participate in one or more of the fun elementary school activities that the Day Makers support:

- **Terrific Kids** at Riverside and Gibbs;
- **K-Kids** at Riverside and Harriet Bishop, and
- **Builders Club** at Gage East.
- **Reading Programs** at Elton Hills, Pinewood and Jefferson.

Day Makers are making the programs fly.

My favorite is **Terrific Kids (TK)**. The time commitment at Riverside (30-40 minutes) entails distributing two pencils, one magnetic TK card and one TK sticker. The time commitment at Gibbs is approximately 90 minutes because there are two separate presentations due to more kids. The same awards are given out to both groups.

K-Kids at Riverside and Harriet Bishop generally run about 90 minutes and present an opportunity to spend hands-on time with various tasks the group is undertaking.

The **K-Kids** tasks may involve building bird houses, planting and maintaining a garden, writing letters to Century Key Club Pen Pals or visiting a nursing home. Our main task is simply offering support to the group. Harriet Bishop's **K-Kids** group (45 - 4th and 5th graders) is about three times larger than the Riverside K-Kids group.

The members of the Day Makers have been great supporters of all of our programs. Do take the opportunity to sign up for assisting with **TK** and **K-Kids** before the school year ends. You won't be sorry.

This is what being a **Kiwanian** is all about – one child, one community at a time. And many thanks to Diane Johnson who is “making it happen” with the Builder's Club at Gage East... via the Gala Chair Affair entry.

Jerry Steinke – Youth Services Chair

YCPO:

Plans are underway for two events that we support each year.

First, CCR&R is having their “**Family Fun Night**” on April 24th. They have asked for our help with setting up for the event and with cleaning up afterwards. Of course, they will have refreshments available (at least with the setting up).

The second event is our **Parent/Child Fair** to be held June 20th. Lowes has agreed to be part of our event again, and the request for bikes and helmets has been made to WalMart. When funding comes through from the hockey tournament, the contract with RochesterFest will be submitted.

Please save these dates.

Larry Scilley, YCPO chair

Ready for Bed:

Grandpa has his “ducks all in a row”....



Every Wonder Why ...

Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?

Why don't you ever see the headline 'Psychic Wins Lottery'?

Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor and dishwashing liquid is made with real lemons?

Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

K-Kids at Riverside Elementary School:

February News

K-kids visited the next door Golden Living Center to make valentines with the residents on Valentine’s Day!

This was the second visit to the center by the K-kids and the residents enjoyed it a lot. They also have a good view of the Riverside play ground and enjoy watching the students during their outside activities since they have become acquainted with some of the K-kids.

The Kiwanis project **ELIMINATE** will be supported by the Riverside K-kids as they design greeting cards as part of a fund raiser contest sponsored by Kiwanis. The designs (5”X 7”) will be submitted to Kiwanis MIN-DAK district.

Marigold seeds will be planted in re-cycled paper pots. This is part of the ecology/conservation emphasis by K-kids during March through May. With a little luck the Marigolds will be ready as a Mothers’ Day present.

There is also a speaker for People’s Coop scheduled to speak on energy conservation in March.

Al Strom, K-kids Team

ServingOne community at a time:

It has recently come to my attention that there is an immediate need for 5 new board members on the Vital Aging Commission, which is part of SEMCIL.

SEMCIL Board of Directors members needed

The SEMCIL Board of Directors is looking for individuals to join its board. If you or someone you know may be interested please contact Shelly Anderson at 507.285.3927 or by email at shellya@semcil.org to receive an application.

Or better yet go to the SEMCIL web site at: http://www.semcil.org/about_us.html

The Southeastern Minnesota Center for Independent Living, Inc. which was founded in 1981, is a non profit organization that assists people with disabilities to become independent and productive community members.



Olmsted County Vital Aging Commission:

Purpose: The Vital Aging Commission advises the County Board on important issues affecting elders and their families, and advocates for the interests, and needs of our aging population.

Organizational Aims:

- Recognize and promote elders as essential community assets.
- Enhance the quality of life for seniors through health and wellness initiatives.
- Facilitate access to information and community resources for elders and their families.

Application and additional info is available at: http://www.co.olmsted.mn.us/boardofcommissioners/bd/pkt/Documents/VAC_application_and_information_October_2011.pdf

Maybe we should *Serve ...*

Dick Odell

Serving One community at a time:

The Appointment Committee of the Rochester City Clerk’s Office is requesting applications from Rochester city residents who would be interested in serving on the **“Ethical Practices Board”** for the City of Rochester for the term of May 1, 2012 thru April 30, 2015.

The Ethical Practices Board is responsible for all City Code of Ethics and conflict of interest issues.

Applications are available at City Clerk’s Office, Room #135 City Hall or call 507 328-2900 to request an application to be mailed to you.

Applications are due back to Clerk’s Office by March 31, 2012.

Dick Odell